

**LABOR SERVICES DIVISION[875]**

**Adopted and Filed**

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 90A.7 and 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2286, the Labor Commissioner hereby amends Chapter 173, “Professional Boxing,” and Chapter 177, “Professional Shoot Fighting,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The changes to Chapter 173 set forth rules governing the issuance, revocation, and denial of boxer registrations. The changes to Chapter 177 implement 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2286; adopt new definitions; ban fights between amateurs and professionals; make editorial and technical changes; require a promoter to provide the Labor Commissioner written notice of an event at least 30 days in advance; require a promoter to ensure an authorized emergency medical technician transport service is on site during an event; set forth requirements for an event license; require three judges and two referees for an event; set forth scoring procedures; increase the allowed size of a cage; change the requirements for weighing a contestant; regulate decorum of participants and officials; clarify who may be present in a cage; change the limits on the length and number of rounds in a match; expand the list of fouls; set forth appropriate responses to fouls; and ban overtime.

The purposes of these amendments are to implement legislative intent and to protect the safety and health of contestants, participants, officials, and the general public.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the May 5, 2010, Iowa Administrative Bulletin as **ARC 8752B**. No public comments concerning the proposed amendments were received.

These amendments have been changed from the Notice of Intended Action. Paragraph 177.2(7)“d” has been changed to clarify the method for determining if a contestant is considered amateur or professional. Paragraph “d” now reads as follows:

“d. A match between a contestant who has previously fought in a reported professional MMA match and a contestant who has not previously fought in a reported professional MMA match. Prior to applying for a license pursuant to subrule 177.2(9), a promoter shall confirm that each contestant on an amateur card has not participated in a reported professional MMA match by visiting [www.mixedmartialarts.com](http://www.mixedmartialarts.com).”

In subparagraph 177.2(9)“i”(5), the description of an acceptable identification card for a contestant was changed. Subparagraph (5) now reads as follows:

“(5) An identification card issued to the contestant by a governmental entity and which includes the contestant’s photograph and birth date; or”

Finally, subrule 177.4(10) concerning the decorum of officials and participants has been changed to clarify that contestants are exempt from the restrictions in the subrule during a round. Subrule 177.4(10) now reads as follows:

“**177.4(10) Decorum of officials and participants.**

“a. Except as allowed in this subrule, a promoter, official, or participant shall not:

“(1) Intentionally or recklessly strike or injure a person;

“(2) Speak or act in a threatening manner toward a person; or

“(3) Damage, destroy, or attempt to damage or destroy property.

“b. The commissioner may immediately suspend the promoter’s license if the promoter does not comply with paragraph 177.4(10)“a” or if the promoter does not take appropriate action to curtail activities in violation of paragraph 177.4(10)“a” by an official or a participant.

“c. The commissioner may immediately suspend the authorization to participate in the event of an official or a participant who does not comply with paragraph 177.4(10)“a.”

“d. A contestant is exempt from 177.4(10)“a”(1) and (2) while interacting with the contestant’s opponent during a round. However, if the round is stopped by the physician or referee for a time out, 177.4(10)“a”(1) and (2) shall apply to a contestant.”

No variance procedures are included in these rules. Variance procedures are set forth in 875—Chapter 1.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 90A and 2010 Iowa Acts, Senate File 2286.

These amendments shall become effective on August 4, 2010.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Pursuant to recommendation of the Administrative Rules Review Committee published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin, September 10, 1986, the text of these amendments [amendments to Chs 173, 177] is being omitted. With the exception of the changes noted above, these amendments are identical to those published under Notice as **ARC 8752B**, IAB 5/5/10.

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